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The Chief of Naval Operations (OP-61B)
OPNAV
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to solicit information relating to the claims arising out of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967.

One of the claims arising out of that attack which will be presented to the Government of Israel by the United States Government arises from the loss of services of the Navy personnel who were injured in the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty. During the period in which these men were on sick leave recovering from their injuries, the United States Government obtained no services in exchange for their salary and allowances. The amount of the claim is accordingly the salary and allowances paid to injured Navy personnel during the period they were on sick leave recovering from injuries suffered in the attack.

The Department of State accordingly requests that the Department of the Navy provide a list of United States Navy personnel who were placed on sick leave as a result of injuries sustained in the attack, the duration of the sick leave in each case, and the total pay and allowances paid to each man during the period of sick leave. This list should be computed as of September 1, 1967. We

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appreciate that some personnel may not have returned to active duty by September 1, 1967. In such case, the list should contain a statement that the man concerned has not yet returned to active duty, and an addendum to the list should be sent to the Department of State when the man concerned has returned to active duty. The lists should be certified as correct by the officer responsible for maintaining these records in the Department of the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

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